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Welcome



Following the success of the first issue, I am delighted to welcome you to this next edition of **All Things Law**, the magazine for Nottingham Law School.

This is the first issue of the 2013/14 academic year and I hope that all of our students have enjoyed a successful first term. It certainly seems that many of you have been busy and I'm really pleased to read about a wide range of activities including Lex Law Society events, Katie Percival's involvement in Pro Ius, the student-run legal advice clinic in Netherfield, and Harshita Bishnoi's internship at the Casa Cornelia Law Center in San Diego. There are also some wise words of advice for fellow Law students from Suneet Sharma and Andre Maingot.

This year we celebrate 50 years of excellence in legal education and as well as looking back at our inspiring past, it is a time to look to the future. These pages highlight only a selection of our many achievements and I am proud to see Nottingham Law School continue to go from strength to strength, be it through the creation of new courses and research centres, staff research and expert opinion quoted in the media or employability initiatives such as the recent student conference, designed to ensure our students are fully prepared for their future.

Thank you to everybody who has contributed to the development of such a lively Law School community. Enjoy reading.

Professor Andrea Nollent

Dean of Nottingham Law School



Professor Andrea Nollent, Dean of Nottingham Law School

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If you are a current Nottingham Law School student or member of staff and would like to feature in a future edition of All Things Law, contact the Editorial Board at nls.enquiries@ntu.ac.uk



The latest in law

LLM Legal Practice

Nottingham Law School's new LLM Legal Practice started in January. This new Master's in Law award is for those with professional legal qualifications such as the BPTC or LPC. Credit points are awarded for study on these professional qualifications and students can then top up the points with a dissertation or publishable article to gain the LLM. The course is studied entirely by distance learning. Start dates are throughout the year in January, April and September.

Further information on the course can be found on our website at www.ntu.ac.uk/llmipdl or you can pick up a brochure from the Student Enquiry Point on the 4th floor in Chaucer building.

Celebrating 50 years of excellence in legal education

This year Nottingham Law School is celebrating an impressive 50 years of excellence in legal education. To mark the occasion we will be gathering stories and photos from our staff, students and alumni to produce a special commemorative edition of this magazine, so email nls.enquiries@ntu.ac.uk if you would like to be involved.

Also keep your eyes peeled for further details of the celebrations throughout the year.

Expert opinions

Clare's Law, victims' names and the police

While Clare's Law is a welcome addition in the fight to pre-empt domestic violence, Nottingham Law School's Dr Samantha Pegg argues that it should not be used to shift the focus away from how police react when cases do arise. www.ntu.ac.uk/claresslaw

Why creating new criminal offences will not help NHS patients

John Tingle, Reader in Health Law, welcomes much of Professor Don Berwick's review in the aftermath of the Mid Staffordshire Hospital scandal as thoughtful and reflective but says one key recommendation – to create criminal sanctions against health staff – will not make the NHS safer for patients. www.ntu.ac.uk/berwick



Press freedom and responsibility – regulation and the Royal Charter

In a new book about the press and its coverage of crime, Nottingham Law School's Dr Samantha Pegg, along with fellow academics Dr Judith Rowbotham and Professor Kim Stevenson, argues that existing laws – rather than any new system of Parliament-inspired regulation – should be used to control newspapers that overstep the mark. www.ntu.ac.uk/pressfreedom



5 minutes with...

Sophie Strecker

LLM International Trade and Senior Lecturer in Law

Why did you choose to pursue a career in law?

I have known from a very young age that I wanted to be a lawyer, or study law. From around the age of four or five, I was nicknamed 'our little lawyer' so the interest has always been there, but I can't really put my finger on why.

What are the best aspects of teaching?

One of the best aspects is that I love the fact that I can contribute to people's learning. I view myself as someone who facilitates learning and I love to get people excited about law. That's the best thing.

Why did you choose to pursue a Master's Degree in International Trade?

I did my first Master's Degree in Belgium, in General Law, but I wanted to specialise in one area of the law that I had a specific interest in which also ultimately fed into my PhD.

I'm a strong believer in life-long learning, which is another reason why I chose academia. Not only does it allow for research, but we also learn a lot from students. They can ask some challenging questions!

One thing that I've realised is that the more you study and the more you do research, the more you realise that you really don't know anything.

So essentially you're always learning?

I love it!

Can you put into perspective how hard you had to work to obtain a Distinction for your Master's Degree?

It was a matter of consistency. I made sure that I attended absolutely everything and that I completed the prep for every session, which requires quite a bit of effort all year round. I consider it a full-time job, and I treated it as such. If you do all the work it means you certainly have an understanding of what you're doing, but I found that to get a Distinction a lot of additional research was required. You have to take initiative and go beyond what is required. It's also important at any level of study to have a critical mind. Don't just believe everything you read or hear – question it, analyse it and evaluate it!

So the key is hard work?

Hard work on a consistent basis!

What's the greatest advice anyone's ever given you?

My mother told me that it doesn't matter what you do in life, you make your choice and you do it to the very best of your ability.

What's your top tip for law students?

Your brain is like a muscle, train it!

How does it feel to be a part of NLS?

I'm very happy because I was here as a student, and it's amazing to now be a part of the staff as this institution has given me a lot.

By Amir Nikfekar

The latest in law

Professional Practice Lecture Series

So far this year's Professional Practice Lecture Series (for LPC, BPTC, GDL and LLB students) has seen three excellent and well-attended lectures presented by a number of key partners on a range of topics. The lectures have enabled students to meet and speak with leading practitioners, make new contacts and pursue work experience opportunities, as well as providing invaluable commercial insight into the realities of practice.

This year's Professional Practice Lecture Series was launched with an excellent lecture on 'How to Network Effectively and Market Yourself' from Lisa Cawdron, Head of Business Development Strategy at Shakespeares Solicitors.

This was followed by a lecture from His Honour John Samuels QC. A member of Lincoln's Inn, His Honour John Samuels QC was called to the Bar in 1964, appointed as a Deputy Judge of the High Court in 1981 and as a Circuit Judge in 1997. His lecture consisted of an advocacy masterclass entitled 'Pleasing the Judge' and provided invaluable advice designed to assist aspiring advocates.

The third lecture in the series was presented by John Lapraik who spent 30 years acting in commercial legal disputes before joining an eDisclosure service provider. The lecture was entitled 'The New Lawyer's Essential Guide to Electronic Document Management', and emphasised the implications of eDisclosure.



Lisa Cawdron



His Honour John Samuels QC

NTU Master's graduate presents paper at Madrid law conference

Sophie Strecker from Antwerp, Belgium graduated from Nottingham Law School in 2009 with an LLM in International Trade.

This year Sophie has continued to progress in the field of private international law, presenting a paper at the prestigious 5th Journal of Private International Law Conference in Madrid. The 2013 conference attracted participants from 40 different countries, emphasising the international importance of the conference.

When we asked Sophie what she had gained from the conference her response was: "The conference was a unique opportunity to meet experienced academics in my research field from all over the world, who provided me with valuable feedback which I am confident will help me with future publications."

Sophie has also recently joined the Law School as a full-time lecturer. She described NLS as "the ideal place for me to develop my academic career, providing a stimulating work environment inspired by goals I strongly believe in."

Press coverage

John Tingle: discusses a report from the Future Hospital Commission on improving care for acute medical patients in the British Journal of Nursing. He has also recently discussed the Quality Watch 2013 assessment of government-funded health and social care services. bit.ly/fhcanalysis

Loretta Trickett: the BBC reports Dr Loretta Trickett's research into the rise of male acid attack victims. bit.ly/acidattack

Jane Jarman: looks at the issue of evaluation questionnaires in lawyer training in the Solicitors Journal. bit.ly/nlsevaluation

Jane Ching: examines the use of English language by students and young lawyers as part of her inaugural lecture and reported in the New Law Journal. www.ntu.ac.uk/lawlanguage

Jo Boylan-Kemp: discusses the legal issues surrounding dangerous dogs in one of a series of articles for the Nottingham Post. bit.ly/doglaw

Nick Johnson: two cities fight over the final resting place of Richard III at a judicial review hearing in London. Nottingham Law School's Nick Johnson explains the legal procedure on BBC Breakfast. bit.ly/richardIII

Simon Boyes: discusses a court case surrounding the Bosman Ruling in world football. bit.ly/footballtransfer

Pamela Henderson: led the review of continuing professional development for the Solicitors Regulation Authority, reported in the Law Gazette. She concluded that the present system emphasises compliance but does not necessarily deliver competence. bit.ly/reviewpdp

Nick Jarrett-Kerr: examines the issue of 'entitlement culture' in law firms in Managing Partner magazine. He warns against the situation where personal entitlements would impede a firm's development. bit.ly/ntuentitlement

The latest in law

NLS sets pupils on Pathway to Law

Nottingham Law School welcomed the first cohort of students to the Pathways to Law programme in November 2013.

The Pathways to Law programme is an initiative developed by The Sutton Trust and The Legal Education Foundation (TLEF), with support from major law firms, to inspire and support academically-able students in years 12 and 13 from non-privileged backgrounds interested in a career in law.

Professor Nollent said: "We are delighted to be able to welcome our first cohort of young people to Nottingham Law School as they begin their Pathways to Law programme.

"It is vital that we encourage and support social mobility within the legal profession and that we play our part in improving the opportunities for young people locally."

www.ntu.ac.uk/pathways_law

Team of experts to prepare report into possible changes to Hong Kong's legal education system

Legal education experts including staff from Nottingham Law School are to investigate how solicitors qualify to practise in Hong Kong. Professor Jane Ching of Nottingham Law School's Centre for Legal Education and a team of legal education experts will be working with the Hong Kong Law Society to undertake consultation with the market and stakeholders. They will also advise on the possibility of a common entrance examination for prospective Hong Kong solicitors.

The Hong Kong Law Society wishes to explore the feasibility of adopting a common entrance examination, for which the society would be responsible, as a uniform quality filter for entry to the solicitors' profession.

The research project will explore whether this is appropriate or viable and consider all possible approaches and solutions.

www.ntu.ac.uk/hkles



New advocacy research centre

Nottingham Law School has launched a new Centre for Advocacy that will examine what makes for effective advocacy and how lawyers can be trained to ensure that they present their cases accurately, ethically and persuasively.

Led by Senior Lecturer and Barrister Jeremy Robson, the Centre for Advocacy will combine the development of advocacy courses with academic research into the practice and teaching of advocacy. www.ntu.ac.uk/newsca



Launch of LLM Oil, Gas and Mining Law

Nottingham Law School has launched a postgraduate Master's Degree focusing on the international energy industry.

It has been designed to equip students for future careers in the petrol and mining sectors and will be led by Professor David Ong. Professor Ong has long-standing research and teaching interests in international and environmental law relating to the oil and gas sector, especially the offshore industry as well as developing and transitional economies.

John Tingle, Head of International Development at Nottingham Law School, said: "With extensive expertise in both international finance and investment law and with Professor's Ong's international environmental law experience, we are in an excellent position to deliver this highly innovative course." www.ntu.ac.uk/newsogm





Third year LLB student Suneet Sharma shares the benefit of his and his peers' experience in this article for everyone studying law and preparing for vocational practice.

“The Mechanism of Scholarship.”

Glanville Williams, 'Learning the Law'

Be organised - manage your time efficiently and know your commitments and deadlines (both academic and career orientated). Many of you may think this a blindingly obvious point; if you are pursuing a career involving billing clients for every six minutes of your time you will have to be used to recording it.

However, would you be able to tell me exactly how long that land law coursework or contract law moot will take to prepare? Of course not. In particular, moot preparation can expand beyond your allocated preparation time; the key here is to stick to your tutor's guidance and your own judgment. I remember that when I prepared for my first assessed moot I examined every minute point of law that was even remotely relevant to the moot problem - be careful not to fall into a similar trap!

Furthermore, by planning the time that your studies will demand from you, you are also then in a better position to organise other activities. This available time and your use of it are of paramount importance.

“There's going to be a lot to read and do if you are going to do well as a law student. So make the most of your time.”

Nicholas J. McBride, 'Letters to a Law Student'

Universities are far more than hubs of academic study. Firms and chambers are critically aware of this fact and expect applicants to have made use of the opportunities available to them during their studies on top of achieving a 2:1 degree classification or higher.

I would like to highlight that there is no such thing as an 'irrelevant' experience; it is only the degree of relevancy that changes with the experience. The only exception is evidencing commitment to the legal profession which clearly can only be shown through experience relating to the legal sector. Applying for such experience can be time-consuming and if you do not have any informal contacts with the profession it can be disheartening. I know from my own personal experience however, with perseverance, that first piece of crucial work experience can be easier to find than you initially thought!

University can offer invaluable assistance in this regard; Nottingham Law School is exceptional in its provision of legal experience for its students. Be creative and seize these opportunities. Consider involvement in the Lex Law Society, Legal Advice Clinic, Innocence Project, Bars in their Eyes, Mentoring Schemes and the Free Representation Unit. You will be expected to undertake such pro bono work as part of a firm or chambers and acting "for the public good" provides moral fulfilment alongside legal experience and a golden opportunity to work with your own clients.

Being commercially-aware, currently a buzzword for aspiring solicitors, acknowledges that law firms and prospective clients are businesses. Consequently, the best legal advice will always consider the commercial context in which it is being given, which in turn is dependent upon each individual client. Put simply, consider that if a client requires pro bono services they are unlikely to have the funds to mount their own legal battle and tailor your advice accordingly. Employers are acutely aware that providing the best legal advice requires far more than the best legal knowledge. Accordingly, you must demonstrate that you are not only aware of this fact, but that you can evidence such knowledge.

This, alongside other desired transferable skills, can be gained much more easily. Being a member of a sports team evidences regular commitment and team working skills. I, for example, am currently on the Lex Law Society committee which has developed my communication and organisational skills as well as exposing me to legal professionals of varying seniority. If you have had to work alongside your studies, this shows wider knowledge of work outside the legal profession.

Extraneous experiences to law provide you with crucial time to relax and enjoy yourself outside your studies. It is important to find a work/life balance that suits you; many of my peers advocate treating your studies as a nine-to-five job in preparation for the workplace.

“The marketplace is incredibly competitive and effective networking is essential to a successful outcome.”

Charlotte Harrison, 'From Student to Solicitor'

Maximising your contact with the legal profession is without doubt a key aim for any aspiring solicitor or barrister. However, networking is not limited to legal professionals but also extends to lecturers and fellow students.

Your lecturers are usually former solicitors or barristers; not only will they be able to provide you with course advice but career advice. Notably, to exceed academically your tutors are key, they will be forming and marking assessments and can advise you on further reading.

Personal tutors are a resource in this sense; ask them if they would look at an application or a copy of your CV and most would be happy to oblige. If you are interested in a particular firm or chambers why not research to see if a member of the academic staff used to work there and could provide you with some insight?

The importance of having good relationships with your fellow students cannot be underestimated. If you do not naturally treat all your peers as equals then at least be wary of the tendency to treat them as competition; you will be studying alongside them for at least another three years. Be aware that your peers can provide valuable advice, social opportunities and moral support – I am always grateful when a friend comes to find me in the library and drags me out for a coffee.

Reading law is by no means easy; being successful is harder still and becoming a legal professional may sometimes seem impossible. As long as you work hard, be realistic and ensure your actions show your commitment to a legal career such a career is not unattainable, even in the current economic climate.

“If you truly wish for a career in the legal profession, be proactive rather than reactive and work towards making your own luck; network to engineer the opportunities you need.”

Suneet Sharma LLB LAW (FT), 3rd year

Pro bono

Student-run legal advice clinic lends a helping hand

Katie Percival writes about Pro Ius, a free legal advice clinic launched and run by NLS students that is helping the local community in Netherfield.

When people find themselves in a legal dilemma, they may often feel lost. Many people are not aware of the rights they have or what they might be able to do about certain legal situations they find themselves in. They may think to go to a solicitor but that starts to incur costs which for many people may not be an option. So it seems many people are left in the dark. However, at Pro Ius (the free legal advice project) we aim to shed some light on this matter.

Cuts in legal aid have had a heavy impact on people as they cannot afford to bring their claims to court. Money spent on solicitors and advice may therefore put strain on their journey to justice and in some cases not even allow justice to be sought. The changes in legal aid mean some types of case are no longer eligible for public funds. These include divorce, child contact, welfare benefits, employment, clinical negligence, and housing law (except in very limited circumstances.) At Pro Ius we offer free advice on almost all of these areas and discuss all the options someone has in relation to their issue.

Our project offers a free drop-in advice centre for the local community. We are based in Netherfield and aim to provide free and practical legal advice. We interview clients to take details of their issues and get the information we need. Advice is usually given via telephone and we aim to provide advice within three days. After researching the issues at hand and going through the different options with our solicitor, we give the advice. If any documents need to be sent to the client, or any follow up research needs to be given, we will do this over the weekend and send them to our client. We always work in two teams made up of five students from Nottingham Trent University so there are plenty of legal brains on the case.

The project was set up last year by one of our students through Enactus, which aims to create businesses that help others. The process of getting involved in the project was fairly easy. Personally, I first heard about the opportunity to get involved through an email. I went along to the information evening and registered my interest.

After an interview, I was offered the position of team leader. I was really excited about this as I think free legal

advice can be crucial to some people's situations. Getting advice and becoming aware of the rights you have is so important and not only does our project offer this, it is also a fantastic opportunity to get legal experience with real clients.

This is a huge benefit to us students worrying about careers after university. Not only do we get legal experience but we are developing so many transferable skills that could help us in any career.

As the clinic becomes more and more popular it gets slightly more stressful, but this ultimately leads to a more rewarding experience. Knowing we have helped someone in what can be a difficult time is very gratifying.

The benefits of this project appear endless and I am very lucky and proud to be part of something as rewarding as this. In a world where seemingly everything costs money, it is refreshing how such an important service is provided to the community completely free of charge.

By Katie Percival

Like us on Facebook – [facebook.com/ProIus](https://www.facebook.com/ProIus)



SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT LAW

“The best way to get a bad law repealed is to enforce it strictly.”

Theodore Roosevelt

Interested in pro bono?

The Law School offers lots of opportunities for you to hone your practical legal skills and help the local community.

See students talking about their involvement with our Legal Advice Clinic, Free Representation Unit, Innocence and India projects at: www.ntu.ac.uk/probono



Student conference

Conference helps students prepare for changing legal landscape

There are so many changes hitting the legal profession that it can be hard for students to keep up to date. With this in mind Nottingham Law School organised and hosted the “Your Future, Your Legal Career” student conference in collaboration with The University of Nottingham, to highlight the employment opportunities available to future Law graduates.

The conference comprised of talks from legal experts and ended with a round table discussion on the implications of the Legal Education and Training Review (LETR) and other changes to the profession.

One clear message from the day was that flexibility is key. Professor Jane Ching, of Nottingham Law School's Centre for Legal Education and member of the research team for the LETR, said: “The nature of the legal professions and legal work is evolving”.

“There will be new law jobs, not necessarily with existing law titles, and new roles for new kinds of lawyers.”

Alan Sinnett, partner and regional head of Shakespeare's South West Midlands practice explained to the conference how law firms are changing with a shift away from partnership-heavy practices.

“A single partner and possibly two associate partners would typically oversee up to 30 paralegals and other support staff,” he said.

“But alternative business structures, which opened up the prospect of outside investment and newcomers into the legal market such as the AA, the Co-op and Eddie Stobart, mean qualified lawyers will continue to be in demand.”

As well as students from Nottingham Law School and The University of Nottingham, the conference attracted a number of careers advisers from other universities.

Pauline Tait, careers and employability advisor at the University of Lincoln, described the conference as “an excellent forum for students, legal professionals, legal educators and careers advisers.”

She went on to say that “This timely event stimulated much debate and food for thought about how to prepare individuals for the realities of a career in the new legal landscape.”

Conference organiser Paula Moffatt highlighted the obligation Law Schools have to inform their students of changes to the legal market.

“The legal world is changing and undergraduates will need to react to those changes. It is vital they keep themselves up to date.”

DID YOU KNOW?

Nottingham Law School's Professor Jane Ching was one of the lead researchers for the Legal Education and Training Review, responsible for projecting future education and training needs. Read more about the review at www.lettr.org.uk

“Law schools have a duty to make sure their students have a realistic view of the workplace they are heading for and that they are equipped to take advantage of new opportunities.”

Dean of Nottingham Law School, Professor Andrea Nollent explained how the LETR and other changes will provide new prospects for Law graduates.

“The profession is undergoing revolutionary changes and those studying law now may not end up working as barristers or solicitors, but there are opportunities and, whatever shape the landscape takes, legal advice will always be needed.”



Jane Ching

The sessions stimulated much discussion and there were many thought-provoking tweets from students and speakers throughout the day. Lex Law Society President Chloe Evans compiled some of them in her own Storify post, which you can find along with a conference video, speaker profiles and presentations at: www.ntu.ac.uk/yfulc



International

San Diego internship

Spending some time abroad can be a fantastic experience. When Head of Undergraduate Programmes Colleen Smith arranged two summer internships in San Diego, LLB students Harshita Bishnoi and Emily Bodden-Burton jumped at the chance. Here Harshita tells us about her time in the US.

"I was deleting emails from my inbox when I saw a message from Colleen with the catchy subject line of 'Interning in San Diego.' This caught my attention and I decided to go along to the first meeting where she told us what sort of work we would be doing and what previous interns had got up to.

"It all seemed really interesting and since I also had some understanding of the Spanish language, I thought I would apply. Colleen considered my CV and passed it on to Elizabeth Lopez, the American attorney, who finally selected

both me and Emily. We found out we were successful in mid-April and quickly booked flights and accommodation ready to start the internship on the 17 June. Luckily the NTU travel bursary covered the cost of our flights, so we only had to pay for our hostel accommodation and other living expenses.

"Whilst in San Diego we were based in the Casa Cornelia Law Center. We worked Monday to Wednesday and so there was plenty of time to explore everything San Diego had to offer alongside our work experience.

"During our time there we worked together in all three departments covering asylum, unaccompanied children and domestic violence. One of our first tasks was to organise the archive files, make sure all the relevant documents were present in each file and send out documents to clients that were missing. This was done over several days as the Center was expecting an external audit from one of their major funding institutions.

"I also got the chance to accompany one of the attorneys and a client to an

immigration trial at court. The client was a Haitian national, pleading political asylum in the US after fleeing Haiti in the middle of the night. His family were political activists who were facing persecution for their political associations and rebelling against the government. This was an extremely humbling and rewarding experience. It was great to see the client getting the best representation even though he was unable to pay legal fees and he was extremely grateful.

"During my time there, I also read countless factual declarations of immigrants from all over the globe and no one story was the same. One of our last tasks was filling out change of guardianship forms for a client in the Unaccompanied Children department

who came to the country on his own at the age of 13.

"Aside from the Law Center there were countless other highlights from the trip. We went on day trips to Mexico by crossing the San Ysidro border on foot (the world's busiest human border crossing); drove around Los Angeles with no GPS and just a map, learned to surf, visited the world famous San Diego zoo, comic convention and gay pride festival and made hostel friends that will last a lifetime.

"The experience was fantastic and has provided me with a major achievement to talk about in career interviews. It's increased my confidence and now I'm even researching the possibility of practising law in the States when I qualify."

DID YOU KNOW?

We're currently arranging more exchange opportunities with universities in San Francisco and Virginia. Keep your eyes peeled for more details.



International

Around the world

At Nottingham Law School we have a diverse student community. Here we meet some of our students from around the world.

Marguerite Kenner
(United States)

Graduate Diploma in Law and Legal Practice Course

"Before studying at Nottingham Law School, I was a patent litigation paralegal in the United States for close to ten years. I completed the GDL at Nottingham Law School last year and knew that I would progress on to the LPC.

"I heard about Nottingham Law School from the trainees at my employer's London office. I chose Nottingham Law School because as a mature student coming from overseas, I wanted more all-round support. I wanted to attend a university, not just a course provider.

"My advice for other students is never be afraid to try something new. My greatest achievement since commencing study at Nottingham Law School was winning the 2013 commercial competition and competing in Paris. I participated in the moot competition while studying on the GDL just to see if being a barrister might be a better choice for me. As long as you've learned something from the experience, you haven't wasted your time."

"My advice for other students is never be afraid to try something new."



Milovan Vesnic
(Serbia)

Graduate Diploma in Law and Legal Practice Course

"My background is a bit different from the usual LPC student. I come from the Republic of Serbia, where I obtained an LLB at the University of Belgrade. Upon the completion of the LLB, I started working as a legal trainee. I went on to complete a postgraduate course in Tax and then decided that I wanted to learn more about common law and the legal profession within the UK in general.

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"After completing the LPC, my knowledge of the UK and Serbian law will be unique and could potentially bring new clients to my employer's law firm. I believe that studying the LPC and GDL provides you with much more than just knowledge of current law. The skills gained are transferable and are of great importance and applicability in my future career."



Mustakimur Rahman
(Dhaka, Bangladesh)

LLM Law

"I am from Dhaka in Bangladesh. I first heard about Nottingham when my old school friend came to Nottingham and recommended the city to me.

"I chose to study in the UK as I think it is the best for law degrees and I chose NLS as it is one of the finest and most prestigious law schools in the UK.

"I have a voluntary job working at Nottingham Refugee Forum, where I advise refugees and asylum seekers about accommodation and social security benefits.

"After my LLM I would like to study for a PhD in Law at NTU. Eventually I want to work for an international NGO such as Amnesty International, the UN or Human Rights Watch."

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Marika Marisse Matusko
(Poland)

LLM Health Law

"I was encouraged to apply for an LLM by one of the NTU Professors in Law who I met on an International Summer School in Strasbourg, which was a great experience. I'm really enjoying the course because I'm specialising in an area of law which is of great interest to me. It's a course that is not just for law graduates, but for people from other backgrounds. For example, some of my classmates are lawyers but many come from other professional occupations such as doctors and clinicians.

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"The best thing about Nottingham is the fact that it is affordable. There are nice places to see and we have a great student life. I go to the 'Viva La Fiesta' parties which are held by international students in Nottingham and there is a really good atmosphere. You meet people from all over the world."



Our staff and students

Studying Law at a distance – a student’s view

I'm in my first year with Nottingham Trent studying Law. I study the LLB by distance learning and I'm on a three year track. My friends and family think I have gone crazy. How can I work full-time, study full-time yet still have time for my children and the rest of my commitments? Maybe I am crazy but the good thing is you have the opportunity to decide how crazy you want to be. You can do your degree over 3, 4, 5 or 6 years; a luxury you don't get when attending the University full-time. It still gives you a chance to work and earn at the same time.

The biggest thing for me is time management. I work 40 hours a week Monday to Friday so I use my spare time to study. On my lunch breaks, the commute to work, when the kids go to bed. Even sacrificing some nights out on the weekend has its benefits. You have to know what you want to achieve. Be honest with yourself and see how much you can really do with all your commitments. Short bursts of study are best as you don't feel so tired and retain information quicker.

The Law School has a fantastic course which makes studying easier. Your tutors are just a phone call or an email away, always willing to help. You don't miss out on the University experience studying from a distance. We have four teaching weekends a year where students and tutors come together to consolidate what we have learned, as well as having the chance to socialise and support each other.

There's so many other things you can take advantage of such as the pro bono scheme, summer schools and careers fairs.

The learning materials are second to none and allow you to understand the law in ways you couldn't before. It is very hard to get motivated sometimes but if you keep your ultimate goal in mind and you keep in touch with your tutors, nothing can stop you.

Take the step to study Law at your own pace and let it fit around YOU. I highly recommend the distance learning course. So the question is, how crazy are you?

By Andre Maingot

How I became a Law Teacher

Helen Hudson, Head of Professional Programmes



Helen Hudson

I come from a long line of teachers. My grandmother was a head teacher blessed with infinite patience and understanding. Her sister, my Nan, was also a head teacher but had a rather different style and if I'm honest she scared me a bit as a child. She didn't intend to frighten my brother and me but she was strict and took none of our nonsense. We adored both of them and they were loved by their pupils. My mother followed the family tradition and became a drama teacher. She filled our house with thespians. She motivated and encouraged her pupils. Caroline Aherne the comedienne (who is best known for Mrs Merton, The Fast Show and the Royale Family) first became interested in acting under the guidance of my mother. Past pupils of my mum remain in touch with her and still turn to her for advice.

I grew up surrounded by positive educational role models and watched these three strong women inspire others. They were all truly dedicated to their profession and I wanted to find a job that made me feel like that. The problem was I also wanted to do something different to them, to stand on my own two feet. I decided Law was the career for me so I undertook a Law degree and trained as a solicitor in Manchester. Once qualified I moved to Nottingham and I worked in a high street practice specialising in family law, criminal work and general litigation. I enjoyed the work but always felt that there was something else I wanted to do.

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One night I was out in Nottingham with friends and work colleagues, one of whom worked at Nottingham Law School as a lecturer and later became the Dean. We got talking about the fact that I felt it was time for a move in terms of employment and he suggested that I applied for a lecturing job. He felt that it was something I would be good at and enjoy. Lecturing wasn't something I had considered before. Once the idea had been planted I knew it was the right thing for me.

Becoming a law lecturer has allowed me to use my knowledge and understanding of both black letter law and the practical application of the law to enthuse and inspire others. Watching students struggling with complex concepts and problems and being able to offer clear and accessible explanations is a joy. I found my vocation.

I decided Law was the career for me so I undertook a Law degree and trained as a solicitor in Manchester.

National Student Survey

TELL THE WORLD HOW YOU FEEL AND ENTER THE NATIONAL STUDENT SURVEY



If you're a final-year undergraduate student, make your views on your Nottingham Law School experience count by completing the National Student Survey.

The results feed into the university league tables and allow NTU to benchmark student satisfaction with other universities around the country. By completing the survey, you help us to make improvements to your course and prioritise areas of development to the University.

We'll let you know the results (depending on how many people fill it in) and what we're doing in response.

The survey only takes five minutes to complete and to say thank you, we'll give you £5 printing credit.

The closing date for responses is Wednesday 30 April so fill it in now at www.ntu.ac.uk/ntuforever



'You said, we did': a student perspective

you said	We need a dedicated Law School reception area so it's easier to make enquiries.	we did	A major project has been completed over summer 2013 to create a brand new Law School reception area and new Student Enquiry Point with a dedicated receptionist available to help you.
you said	We need more opportunities to get involved in mooting.	we did	The creation of the new NLS Mooting Club will give you increased and varied opportunities to be involved in mooting.
you said	We'd like more opportunities to get involved in the Law Clinic.	we did	We have increased the number of opportunities for you to be involved in the Law Clinic and expanded the variety of activities and types of advice you can be involved in, including outreach clinics and overseas placement opportunities.
you said	It would be good to be able to get advice and support from students in higher years and benefit from their experience.	we did	We have introduced the highly successful 'law buddy scheme', and we have also enhanced our personal tutorials to give you extra support.
you said	The job market is really competitive so what can we do to stand out more than all the other students?	we did	We now invite a wider range of employers than ever before to Law School events to meet you and talk to you about how you could become more employable.

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Lex Law Society

Notes from the President

My name is Chloe Evans and I am this year's Lex Law Society President. Lex is Nottingham Law School's student society and it is the biggest society Nottingham Trent has to offer, with over 350 active members.

Lex is comprised of various departments, including Mooting, Legal Volunteering and Skills, Netball and Football teams, Social and Activity Officers and the Bar and Legal Practice Officers who work tirelessly to organise trips and events.

This year was kick-started by a busy week promoting Lex at the Freshers' Fairs. We wanted to make sure freshers' and 2nd/3rd year students alike were aware of what Lex has planned this year and how being an active member of the Law Society is a great advantage for both your CV and for getting the most out of your time here at NTU.

We have had weekly socials, where Law students have met other like-minded people across all of the courses NLS has to offer – and have got to let off some steam after working hard at university!

The first round of our mooting competitions are under way. This year we have seen some very impressive mooting indeed – the second rounds this term are set to be of a very high standard!

Both the Lex netball and football teams saw an impressive amount of people join. This is yet another good way to meet new people and keep fit at the same time!

We have also had our Annual Networking and Dining Event, held in the function room in Pizzeria Savai. The feedback has been extremely positive and the decision has been made to organise another one for next term – so watch this space!

So far this academic year has been an exciting one for Lex and its members. Plans are in place for next term – more socials, second and final rounds of the mooting competition, trips to the Supreme Court, Royal Courts of Justice, the National Pupillage Fair, the Lincoln's Inn Dining Event and hopefully a successful run for both the netball and football teams!

Chloe Evans
Lex President 2013-2014



Bringing law students and lawyers closer together - Lex's third annual Networking and Dining Event

"Networking is about gaining a social edge. It's about turning a first encounter with a stranger into a business relationship with a trusted acquaintance." – The Junior Lawyers Division, "Getting the best out of Networking".

70 undergraduates from Nottingham Law School were recently presented with a rare opportunity to network with legal practitioners at the Lex Law Society's third annual Networking and Dining Event. Pizzeria Savai, 'Nottingham's own slice of Italy', was the venue for this much anticipated event and with over 30 legal professionals in attendance the banquetting suite was set to be brimming with legal minds.

After a month of preparation by myself and my fellow committee members, demand for a seat next to one of Nottingham's prominent legal professionals was predictably high; over 150 students indicated their interest in the event. Interest was similarly high among the profession and in attendance on the night was a Queen's Council, Head of Chambers and several senior partners from some of Nottingham's most distinguished law firms and chambers.

The evening began with the arrival of trainees from regional law firm Browne Jacobson. As networking was under way the room steadily became a melting pot

of students and legal professionals, the former amicably stepping up to the mark by initiating conversation over drinks. Business cards were exchanged even before seats were taken as those present settled down to enjoy a two-course meal.

Discussions on pointed developments within the legal sector concluded with both sides of the profession imparting their legal knowledge. My own table was a hub of conversation and I was even lucky enough to be treated to an account of a day in the life of an Eversheds trainee.

Upon the conclusion of dinner, a number of legal professionals had kindly agreed to give speeches with introductions being led by my colleague, Anne Long. Attendees were led through the changing nature of securing a career in law by a partner of Shoosmiths. An associate from Eversheds then provided an invaluable account of his own progression into the legal sector.

A unique insight into qualifying in-house was offered by a member of Capital One's legal team, providing the first in-house perspective to a Lex event. The Head of Trent Chambers captured the room with a speech focusing of the prospects of a career at the bar, gratifying all present by disclosing her most satisfying case, one that lasted 22 years and ended with her success. Lex president Chloe Evans ended the

evening with a speech of her own to match those of the profession.

The night certainly highlighted that all students of Nottingham Law School are widely acknowledged by those at the apex of the legal profession; so much so that the organisation of a second Networking Event was welcomed with enthusiasm.

I would like to extend my thanks to Anne Long, Siobahn Pepper, Simara La-Salett

and my fellow Lex Committee members for their assistance in the arrangement of the event and to all those, both professional and student, who attended.

Suneet Sharma
Assistant Legal Practice Officer of Nottingham Law School's Lex Law Society Committee 2013-2014



...and finally

Discounts and scholarships

Remember: NTU students who progress directly onto our full-time GDL, LPC, BPTC or LLMs in 2014 are eligible for a progression discount. You'll automatically receive a £1,000 discount on the LPC, BPTC and GDL or a 10% discount on the LLMs.

You can also apply for one of our scholarships, with a total discount of up to £2,000 available.

Find out more at www.ntu.ac.uk/scholarshipsnls



Read our blog

We're very excited to have launched the Nottingham Law School blog where staff and students can debate and comment on the legal issues of today.

At the moment we have John Hodgson's tips to launch your legal career, student posts from George Holmer and James Olphert on prisoners' right to vote and the requirement to protect in international law, and a guest post from David Urpeth of Irwin Mitchell on Alternative Business Structures. Take a look at www.blogs.ntu.ac.uk/nlsblog

We're also on the look out for more law bloggers. If you would like to be involved send a sample post to nlsblog@ntu.ac.uk



Upcoming events

Centre for Legal Education Conference – 'The value of legal education' – Friday 7 and Saturday 8 February 2014

LLM drop-in event – Wednesday 26 March 2014

LPC and GDL open day – Wednesday 26 March 2014

Pupillage interview training day – Saturday 29 March 2014

LPC careers event – Wednesday 11 June 2014

GDL careers event – Wednesday 11 June 2014

For more information on upcoming events visit www.ntu.ac.uk/nlsevents



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